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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	"DERFFLINGER" Capt. G. Meiders	THURSDAY, 22nd April, Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. Lenz	THURSDAY, 22nd April, 5 P.M.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. Sembill	Beginning of May.

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FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL ON
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, OCEANIC	ERNEST SIMONS	Sellier	26th April, P.M.
MARSHILLES, VIA PORTS	ERNEST SIMONS	Girard	27th April, at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, POLYNESIE	Bruc	Bruc	28th May, P.M.
MARSHILLES, VIA PORTS	TOMKIN	Charbonnel	10th May, P.M.

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1900.

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ATTACKED BY CHINESE.

ADVENTURE OF AN EASTER HOLIDAY.

An exciting story of adventure among hostile Chinese is related by one of the numerous parties which went up country for the Easter holidays. The story, fortunately, has a happy ending but how narrowly it missed becoming a tragedy will easily be seen. As related by the N. C. D. News of 15th inst., the story reads:— The party in question consisted of four persons, Mr. D. A. Darling, manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company in Shanghai, his daughter Miss Darling, and a friend Miss Stunt, and Mr. F. O. Reynolds, also of the Asiatic Petroleum Company. They started last Saturday on board the twin-screw motor houseboat *Phoenix* (which was described in these columns some little time ago) to visit the Taku Lake. The trip passed off uneventfully and it was not till Monday, when they had left Soochow on the homeward journey, that adventure began. At Quinsan, as there was abundance of time, the party decided, instead of following the Soochow creek, to take the longer round by the Heali reach. Unluckily, however, the loadah overshot the right turning and went on in the direction of Taitan. The map seemed to indicate a number of subsidiary creeks by which the *Phoenix* might have regained the main stream. But none of these contained enough water, and eventually at about 3.30 p.m. the party found themselves on the outskirts of a town named Leewo, bordering on the Yangtze. The creek at this point was blocked with numbers of river junks which had put in, as it subsequently appeared, for some festival, and as the *Phoenix* pushed her way slowly through, several angry cries of "Foreign devil" were heard. Little attention was paid to these, and the *Phoenix* might have escaped by another creek beyond Leewo (which would have brought her back to Kading and thence to Soochow creek) but for the unfortunate fact of a steep tide which robbed her of the necessary depth of water. The *Phoenix* was compelled to turn back among the junks on her former track, and here the trouble began.

AMONG THE JUNKS.

By now it was nearly dark and as the *Phoenix* pushed her way slowly through the junks (it is important to notice that only one propeller could be used, the other having been slightly damaged) the cries of "foreign devil" redoubled along the banks. A crowd began to follow the *Phoenix*, gathering volume as it went, and mud and stones were flung freely at the party. Mr. Darling had his hand cut open and Mr. Reynolds was hit on the head, luckily without damage. The ladies had been hurried below, where, with the shutters closed they were for the while in safety. Finally by some means that could not be discerned in the darkness, the *Phoenix* was brought to a standstill, and was instantly made fast by the Chinese to a sampan.

The situation looked extremely serious. The *Phoenix* carried four Winchester and one of the party had a revolver. But the disparity of numbers was too great for any question of resistance. By the advice of the loadah, who proved himself throughout the adventure the deservedly trusted servant that he is and exhibited the greatest presence of mind, an attempt was made to parley. The loadah left the *Phoenix* to go in search of the local magistrate, having previously set two of the crew to keep watch fore and aft and warned the remainder of the party to remain out of sight. During the loadah's absence the four foreigners made haste to load the Winchester and instruct the ladies of the party in the use of them. The courage shown by Miss Darling and Miss Stunt was very great and they would have made good use of the Winchester had the worst come to the worst. The crowd of Chinese remained watching on the banks but though one fellow attempted to board the *Phoenix* no actual attack was made.

At about 9.30 the loadah returned with the magistrate who declared that the *Phoenix* had damaged a sampan on her way up the creek, and compensation was agreed upon at \$15 on condition that the party might stay till morning or go un molested as it should think fit.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The first intention was to remain till morning. But as the night advanced some speakers could be heard in the crowd excitedly arguing that, since the magistrate had been paid, they too might as well have their share of booty. On this it was decided to make a move and at about half-past one o'clock in the morning the *Phoenix* managed to slip quietly away up the creek to Chinsan and eventually arrived in Shanghai without further misadventure, on Tuesday afternoon. The windows of her pilot house and some of her crockery had been smashed, while her boat-hooks and flagpoles were stolen.

By what the magistrate at Leewo told the loadah, it was fortunate that the party behaved so peacefully, as it seems that the originators of the trouble were the junk people, a fierce, irresponsible crowd who had nothing to do with Leewo. Had they been resisted, there is no telling to what lengths they might not have gone and the magistrate would have been powerless to check them. The magistrate also stated that the people of the district bore a grudge against all launches, as a sampan had been run down by a Chinese launch some weeks previously, and the *Phoenix* was the first launch to have visited Leewo since that accident. The magistrate seems to have acted fairly well in a difficult position. But the whole story is an example of the folly of leaving Chinese officials without adequate means to enforce their authority.



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WEATHER-FORCAST AND

STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED

FROM THE HONGKONG

OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here.

Signal No.

1. A CONE point upwards

Indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

2. A CONE point upwards and DRUM below

Indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

3. A DRUM

Indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below

Indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

5. A CONE point downwards

Indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below

Indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

7. A BALL

Indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below

Indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signal indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals, will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNING.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

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Stanley. Sai Kung.

Cape Collinson. Sha Tau Kok.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal from the Light Houses.

F. G. FROST, Director.

21st April, 1900.



## Intimations.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1909.

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THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

Double and Single IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with GLASS DRESSING TABLES, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, BLACK WOOD CURIO STAND and TEA TABLE, &c., &c.

ALSO

A Quantity of BOOKS.

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Hongkong, 19th April, 1909.

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ELSEWHERE BEFORE YOU CALL AT

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(Opposite ASTOR HOUSE).

## NOW SHOWING

A Large and Fancy Assortment of the Best FRENCH TOYS, DOLLS,

TOM-SMITH'S CRACKERS,

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PERNOT BISCUITS,

&c., &c., &c.

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ALWAYS KEPT IN STOCK

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In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.60 per Cask

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BEST AMERICAN

## SUGAR CORN SEEDS

IN PACKETS,

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THE EXPERT REMOVER OF TATTOO MARKS,

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908.

## AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN

CONVENT, CLARE ROAD, begs most

respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of

Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind

patronage and support, and desires to state

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all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Oxfords

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Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.

Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiores will also be most grateful

for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made

into Books for the Children of the Poor School,

which are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1909.

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Continued from yesterday.)

ATTEMPTED OPIUM MONOPOLY AT CANTON.

Certain regulations issued by the Provincial

authorities of the Two Kwangs called forth a

protest from the opium merchants of the Colony

who requested the support of the Chamber in

resisting what could only be regarded as a

breach of Articles 5 and 10 of the British

Treaty of Nanking, 1842.

It was contended that the objectionable

regulations would form the nucleus of a monopoly

which would eventually bring the raw opium

trade in the Province of the Two Kwangs into

the hands of a few individuals, and possibly

into the hands of the Provincial Government.

The committee considered that the opium

merchants had made out a strong case and

took up the matter by cabling to Sir John

Jordan.

The Waiwups, in response to the representa-

tions of H.M.'s Minister, promised to telegraph

instructions to the Viceroy on the subject.

The matter was more fully discussed at a

later stage, and a letter setting forth the views

of the opium merchants, supported by a further

letter from the Chamber, was forwarded to Gov-

ernment.

It afforded considerable satisfaction to your

committee to learn that the matter had for some

time been engaging the serious attention of

His Excellency the Governor, and within the

last few days a despatch has been received

from Peking to the effect that the Waiwups had

assured H.M.'s Minister that the new regula-

tions would apply in native opium only.

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL EXAMINATION.

It will be remembered that at the close of 1907

the committee were considering the question of

the formation of a local centre of examination

for the London Chamber of Commerce commer-

cial examinations.

The views of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector

of Schools, were requisitioned with the result

that the Chamber wrote to the London Chamber

regretting their inability to form a local centre

for reasons fully set out in the correspondence.

HONGKONG-SINGAPORE QUARANTINE

REGULATIONS.

A letter was received from the Government

pointing out that if the shipping companies

interested in the Chinese passenger traffic be-

tween this port and Singapore would make the

vaccination of Asiatic passengers and native

crew obligatory before embarkment for Singa-

pore, the Health Officer at that port would be

willing, provided no infectious or contagious

disease had manifested itself or death occurred

since leaving Hongkong, to allow landing and

give the vessel pratique after the necessary

examination and disinfection of passengers and

their luggage had been completed.

The opinion of the principal firms engaged

in the traffic was obtained which was that vac-

cination at this end was impracticable.

SURVEYS ON PIRATE GOODS.

The Manchester Chamber wrote stating that

it had been brought to their notice that certain

awards by surveyors in India, and further East,

contained reports, statements and opinions ex-

traneous to the matter in dispute and requested

the assistance of this Chamber in confining the

survey reports to the question or questions

specifically in dispute.

The committee promised to use their influence

towards the exclusion of any points but those

specifically contained in the reference in cases

presented to their notice.

TREATIES BETWEEN UNITED KINGDOM AND

GOVERNMENTS OF SERBIA AND BULGARIA.

The committee upon having the treaties be-

tween the United Kingdom and the Govern-

ments of Serbia and Bulgaria referred to them

by the Government saw no objection to the pro-

posed adherence of this Colony thereto.

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1909.

Further correspondence has been dealt with

relative to the proposed International Exhibi-

tion to be held in Shanghai in 1909.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

The Chamber were invited by the Govern-

ment to express an opinion on the question as

to whether bogie or short trucks would be best

adapted for use on the Kowloon-Canton Rail-

way.

The committee advocated the use of large

bogie trucks.

The Government eventually decided to order

both bogie and short trucks.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1906.

In a draft Bill to amend the local Merchant

Shipping Ordinance the Government proposed

to omit the provision contained in the Imperial

Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, that seamen may

not be engaged on board British ships unless

they possess a sufficient knowledge of English

to understand the necessary orders that may be

given to them in the performance of their duties.

His Excellency the Governor gave it as his

opinion that such a regulation was not possible

in Hongkong where 98 per cent of the seamen

shipped are Chinese.

The committee strongly endorsed His Ex-

cellency's views on the subject and believed

that the inclusion of such a clause in the local

Merchant Shipping Ordinance would practical-

ly compel the fleet of British Coasting vessels

engaged in the China trade to go on and off

mission.

THE BALL AT KOWLOON.

Certain correspondence regarding the colour

of the time ball at Kowloon has been dealt with

LANDING OF GOODS BY STEAMERS.

In response to a query from the Imperial

German Consul the committee stated that ship-

owners were under no obligation to land and

deliver goods unless specifically required to do

so under the terms of the bill of lading.

REGISTER OF TRADE MARKS AT UPPER INDIA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Upper India Chamber of Commerce

supplied this Chamber with a copy of the rules

in connection with the register opened by them

for the registration of trade marks and designs.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND

GOVERNMENT'S ORDINANCE.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Go-

down Co., Ltd. submitted to the Chamber a

draft Ordinance (11-15-07) to authorize the

making of bye-laws. The committee saw

nothing objectionable in the Bill and did not

propose to oppose it.

UNIVERSAL & INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

AT BRUSSELS, 1910.

The Consul for Belgium notified the Cham-

ber that a Universal & International Exhibition

would be opened at Brussels in the month of

April, 1910.

In response to a communication from the

Government on the same subject, the com-

mittee replied that unless the Government were

prepared to find the funds the matter had better

be allowed to drop.

THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE

OPIUM DIVANS.

A resolution was passed by the committee

recording their strong protest against any arbi-

trary orders from the Imperial Government to

close immediately the opium divans in Hong-

kong and promising to loyally support a policy

of gradual reduction.

This resolution was forwarded to the Govern-



## Intimation.

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## THE RICE INDUSTRY.

## CRISIS IN SAIGON MILLING INDUSTRY

The rice milling industry at Saigon is passing through a serious crisis owing to scarcity of the grain in the market. It appears that there is no dearth of the cereal in the country, but the cultivators are holding on to their stocks in the hope of realising higher prices from the millers, who are mostly Chinese.

For a long time past these millers have combined to force the cultivators into parting with their grain at very low prices. Every year, the millers corner the available stocks of paddy and afterwards dispose of them at enormous profits, none of which, however, falls to the cultivators.

## REVOLT OF THE GROWERS.

The cultivators have discovered this practice and refuse to sell their grain, with the consequence that at the end of last month the situation was very serious. The cultivators would only sell paddy when driven to it by want of money. The millers find themselves in a fix owing to their being bound by contract to supply the export firms with heavy deliveries of grain. They buy only just enough grain to meet the contracts. But the cultivators demand such high prices as to leave the millers no profit at all on the transaction. The result is the millers suffer heavy losses owing to the rise in the price, and owing to their smaller output of cleaned rice—working expenses standing the same all the time.

## A LOSING BUSINESS.

The *Opinion*, a Saigon newspaper, says that each mill is losing about five thousand dollars a day, and hold the cultivators to blame for not readily selling at a profit. Far worse are the Chinese speculators who, until lately, took advantage of their ignorance and lack of business knowledge to swell the profits of the rice millers. The millers and the exporting firms, says the journal, are trying to force the Government to bring pressure to bear upon the cultivators to sell their paddy at rates to suit the millers. The remark is made that it would be far better for the millers to change their methods, and to allow part of their huge profits to fall to the poor cultivators.—*Strait Times*.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**APPREHENSIONS** among members of the Japanese Parliament in connection with the Sugar Company's scandal continue to spread.

At a meeting of the directors of Messrs. Hall and Holtz, Ltd., held recently at Shanghai, it was decided, subject to audit, to recommend a dividend of ten per cent and carry forward \$9,000 odd.

A CORONER'S inquiry is to take place next week to investigate the death of a Chinese woman, of Kennedy Street, Huoghong, who is believed to have poisoned herself with opium the other day. The motive is not yet known.

**FOUND** roaming about the city at an early hour this morning in a suspicious manner, a coolie named Pan Kah was taken to the Central Police Station on a charge of being a rogue and vagabond. The man appeared to be insane and has been placed under medical observation.

THE Puisne Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) has reserved his decision in the case in which the Man Lee Chau Company are suing the International Banking Corporation to recover \$841 in respect of a bank draft, which the defendant were alleged to have paid to another person by mistake.

H. E. Yuan Shu-hain, Governor of Shantung, has suggested that officials who have been cashiered for their opium habit may be reinstated in their offices if they really have given up smoking, and the suggestion has met with the approval of the Anti-Opium Commissioners and the Government.

A CHINESE "brave" belonging to a regiment in the San On district was arrested by Inspector McDonald at Yau-ma-ti yesterday on a charge of trespass. The "sojor man" who had evidently come to Hongkong to "see things" was discovered in the Yau-ma-ti Police Station "examining the building." When asked for the permit he smiled blandly. In the Police Court to-day he paid \$2 for the surprise visit.

THE Hippodrome Circus and Menagerie, we are advised by Mr. A. Jackson, the advance representative of the show, will arrive here on Monday next from Saigon by the French mail. Owing to the unqualified success of the Hippodrome at the French settlement, which occasioned brisk booking, the company made their stay at the port for a longer period than was originally contemplated. The opening night in Hongkong will be on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

AT the instance of Sergeant Angus, of Cheung-chau Police Station, a coolie named Lam Shui Hing was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazledorn to-day with larceny. The evidence heard was in effect, that some time yesterday afternoon one Chau Shun, who is employed by the Kowloon-Canton Railway, let fall to the street five twenty-cent pieces which he was handing over to another person. Before he had time to recover—the cash—defendant rushed up, gathered up the coins, and bolted. Three weeks' hard labour, and six hours' stocks was Lam's medicine.

POLICEMAN Pepperell, of the Water Police Station, while on duty in the police pinnace, in the harbour yesterday, saw a sampan making in the direction of the shore. On the deck of the craft was a quantity of coal. The sampan was hailed, and, failing to obey the order to stop, the pinnace started out in pursuit. Before the sampan could be reached the crew had dumped the coal overboard. Two women, Leung Mui, and Lai Mui, were arrested and charged with disposing of property, which was suspected to have been stolen, in order to avoid discovery. The case was heard by Mr. F. A. Hazledorn and each defendant was fined \$50. The fines were paid.

## EARTHQUAKE IN FORMOSA.

## PEOPLE KILLED AND INJURED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Taipei, 16th April.

The earthquake which happened yesterday (15th inst.) was of more than ordinary violence and resulted in considerable loss of life and much damage to property in the prefectures of North Formosa.

According to the report of the Taihoku Observatory, it happened at 3.54 a.m. on the 15th, and the vibration lasted for 3 minutes, of which a period of 47 seconds was severe and the remaining time hardly perceptible to the ordinary persons. From the same observation, the centre of the tremor is estimated to be about 36 miles north-east of Taihoku, presumably the bed of the sea between Keelung and Giran. The velocity of vibration was 380 millimeters per second, that is, having a force strong enough to crack rudely-made brick walls, to pull down old plaster walls, to tumble small bottles and to stop a clock, and therefore it was able to break down the native houses made of mud.

According to the *Taiwan Nichi-nichi Shinbun*, of to-day's date, since the Japanese occupation of the island, there has been only one such violent shaking as the present in North Formosa; it happened at 8 a.m. on 7th June, 1901, when there was only one man killed. By the present earthquake, however, until noon to-day, there are reported to be 9 persons killed, 32 wounded, with 33 houses totally destroyed and 112 damaged. A slight tremor followed soon after the first shock and another at 7 to the same morning.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-sixth ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., was held at their head office, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, at noon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors, together with statements of accounts, to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring dividends, &c. Mr. E. Ormiston presided. There were also present:—E. Ormiston (chairman), W. Helms, E. G. Barrett, J. W. C. Bonner, A. Forbes (directors), C. Montague Ede (secretary), O. H. Ross, A. B. Rouse, F. Maitland, D. B. Murray, C. E. H. Beavis, F. B. Deacon, W. L. Patterson, C. G. S. Mackie, W. Hutton Potts, H. F. Carmichael, D. D. Gardar, R. H. Crofton, J. Barton, Ho Fook, F. Smyth, L. Robert, E. George, S. G. Newall, F. P. Heit, and L. Berindogues.

After the Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I propose with your permission to follow the usual procedure and take the Report as read. It has been in your hands for some weeks and has no doubt been carefully studied by you. In order to make a true comparison between the 1907 figures now before you and those of 1906 presented last year, you must bear in mind the fact that exchange has fallen a further penny which accounts for the whole increase in our Premium Income of \$91,000; it is therefore more apparent than real. Although trade was greatly depressed, the year was as profitable as could be expected; in fact if you compare our figures with those published by Companies of the same magnitude as ourselves you will, I feel sure, come to the conclusion that your interests have been very well cared for. We have a divisible balance of \$380,000, and this year Directors propose to deal with as follows:—To pay a final dividend of \$17 per share on account of 1907, making the full dividend for that year \$47 and to carry forward the large balance of \$466,000 to Underwriting Suspense Account, which figure I can assure you is more than ample to provide for any possible losses. It has been our practice in past years, as far as was humanly possible, not to underestimate losses and this plan has been adhered to as regards the year now being dealt with, but as our new system of working has only been in force since the beginning of 1906 it is difficult to foretell with accuracy what the third and fourth year's settlements will amount to; we have therefore deemed it wiser to provide an additional margin of safety over estimates by carrying forward, in a liquid form, a larger amount than at present seems necessary, instead of placing it to Reserve Fund; and I feel sure that this policy which is dictated by prudence will meet with your cordial approval. The figures for 1908 as shown in the Report are satisfactory as far as they go. The first year's loss settlement shows a decrease of one per cent, as compared with the previous year and we feel that we can quite safely recommend the declaration of an interim dividend of \$30 per share on account of 1908 and the payment of a bonus of 20 per cent to contributors. The falling off in takings forced give you no anxiety for if you study the published results of the underwriting of many of our Home competitors you will find that those with a reduced premium income have made the best profits; for in a dreadful year such as had just passed when as the direct result of bad trade competition ruin and rates in many directions were put down below a paying level, careful management dictated that the worst paying accounts should be abandoned; this points to safety and the maintenance of results such as shareholders in this Society have learned to look for. We have old and tried officers in charge of our chief branches and must be gratifying to you to note that they have not been tempted to depart from the wise policy of the Company and engage in a blind scramble for business at any price, such as, I am afraid, has been characteristic of the year now over. There are signs that, owing to the disastrous experience of the underwriting world, generally the tendency of rates is upwards; already in certain directions an improvement has taken place and we hope that such improvement will become general. The incidence of Total Losses of first class liners has been one of the features of 1908 and our Reinsurance Fund which was established to provide for just such an eventuality has automatically come into play. The fund has grown steadily during normal years and may be expected to increase again as years go on. To-day it equals our capital. The report before you, gentlemen, is in itself a good one and you are to be congratulated on the out-turn of a year which to many others has been not so profitable. You will be glad to hear that we have not forgotten our staff and have voted a bonus of 15 per cent of each member's salary to the Provident Fund of each member who is in our service at the end of this month. Before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be glad to know if any shareholder wishes to ask any questions.

No questions were asked.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Ross said:—Gentlemen, I feel sure all of you have listened with the greatest interest to the Chairman's speech, which to my mind is a clear and comprehensive statement of the working of the Society during the periods concerned. After two years, such as 1907 and 1908, years, I may mention, fraught with exceptional difficulties in Underwriters, I must, I think, be particularly gratifying to Shareholders, to find that the Society's experience of the business of the year 1908 permits of the payment of an increased final dividend for that year, while its forecast of the ultimate result of operations for 1908 warrants the recommendation by the Board of the usual Interim Dividend and a Bonus of 20% to Contributors. I am glad of the Chairman's assurance that although no addition has been made to the Reserve Fund, further claims have been amply provided for, by the sum which, as he explained, is to be kept in a more liquid form. In view of the period of depressed trade through which the world generally has been passing, and in spite of the counteracting influence of the fall in silver, we might reasonably have anticipated a very largely reduced premium income; it seems clear, however, that its maintenance has not been at the cost of quality of the business done, as is evidenced by the fact to which attention has just been drawn, that the "Ratio of the first year's loss settlements," of this particularly bad year, is lower than that of the year before. Gentlemen, this augurs well for the future, and I think our best thanks are due to those gentlemen who have so ably superintended the Society's business during these deplorably trying times. The Bonus of 15% of a year's salary to the Provident Fund of each member of the Staff will, I feel sure, meet with your hearty approval. Turning to the front page of the report, I think you will all notice with much pleasure that the name of Mr. W. J. Saunders is now included in those forming the London Committee. The Society owes much to this gentleman, and I feel sure his able counsel will be of much value to the London Board. (Applause.) Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented to you this day.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Beavis moved that Mr. C. R. Leemann and Mr. W. Helms be re-appointed directors.

Mr. Tralman seconded.

Agreed.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Jupp, seconded by Mr. Maitland, Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be sent out to-morrow morning.

The meeting then ended.

## NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

At the conclusion of the above meeting an extraordinary general meeting of members was held for the purpose of adopting a new memorandum and articles of association. The same directors and shareholders (with the exception of Messrs. J. A. Jupp and W. H. Wickham) were present.

The Secretary having read the notice of the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the advertised time of the extraordinary meeting being already passed I will now call upon the Secretary to read the notice convening it. For some time past your Directors have had under consideration the existing form of the Society's Memorandum and Articles; these were originally framed over 25 years ago when the prevailing customs was to make the Memoranda of Association as short as possible. The terms of the "objects" clause, usually being confined to a very limited statement of the purpose for which a Company was incorporated, and no attempt made to take the many other incidental powers, the occasion for the exercise of which has since frequently arisen. Modern methods are the exact antithesis of the old practice and provide not only such powers as for the time being appear necessary but also such as may possibly be desirable in the future, and this seems the preferable course in view of the trouble and expense involved in effecting alterations in Memoranda of Association which, unlike those in the Articles, requires the sanction of the Court, even after adoption by shareholders. The revised Memorandum which is now submitted to you for adoption embodies not only such incidental powers as the present occasion suggests but also such others as the future may call for. As regards the Articles of Association these have been generally modernized and brought into line with the existing practice of the Society in several respects, certain desirable additions made, and other provisions which were unworkable omitted. Your Directors believe that in their amended form the Memorandum and Articles will meet all practical requirements and call for no further alterations for many years to come. Shareholders in all parts of the world outside Hongkong have been given the opportunity of perusing the Memorandum and Articles in their present form and have unanimously approved of them. I will now put the resolution:—That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the printed form for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

The motion having been seconded, was unanimously adopted.

## SOKNE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

## A DRUNKEN COOLIE AND AN INDIAN POLICEMAN.

A coolie who had imbibed no less than three bottles of *amshu* at his dinner last night and became uncontrollable, made things lively in Queen's Road for a short while. First of all, and against the wishes of his chums, the "gay one" staggered to the street and, taking up a safe position so as to protect himself against moving lamp-posts and such like dangerous things, proceeded to address a crowd that wasn't there. An Indian policeman who, it would seem, cannot appreciate good oratory, ordered the coolie away. Yan Shing stopped his speech for a time to tell the officer that he was a "black bird," and requested him to go and get his neck washed. And once more he proceeded to wax eloquent, and once more he had to stop to let the policeman know his thoughts. Becoming tired of the interruptions, and being feared at by the real crowd which had gathered around by now, Yan piloted his way into the middle of the street and possessed himself of a brick, which he presented to the policeman in an informal manner in the middle of the back. Yan's night-out here ended. He was seized once, too gently, and rushed to the Central Police Station and taken before Inspector Goulay, who charged the wily Yan this morning before Mr. Hazledorn. Three bottles of *amshu*, equal to 57 in the problem Yan is working out to-day.

## THE GUIN' TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The forty-third ordinary meeting of shareholders in the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at the head office, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, this afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors, together with statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and of declaring dividends. Mr. E. Ormiston, chairman of directors, presided. Others present were:—E. G. Barrett, J. W. C. Bonner, J. W. Bando, C. S. Gubbay, W. Helms, A. Forbes, H. A. Siebs, C. Montague Ede (Secretary), A. B. Rouse, H. Hunter, H. J. M. Carvalho, B. M. C. Cunha, V. L. Remedios, A. E. S. Alves, J. A. Carvalho, J. F. A. Barros, and J. Gardner.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I will, with your permission, take the Report as read. A comparison of the years 1906 and 1907 shows an increase in net premium of the latter which is almost entirely due to the fall in exchange. Interest in 1907 shows an increase of \$20,000, which is satisfactory. Turning to the other side of the account you will see that there is little or no variation in commission, charges, etc. while losses paid shows an increase of \$150,000, the increase in the dollar figure as in the case of takings being largely due to exchange; the balance carried forward is \$53,000 less and amounts to \$359,000 which we propose to deal with as follows:—To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share, to add \$8,000 to Reinsurance Fund and to carry forward the balance of \$31,000 to Underwriting Suspense account. As regards 1908 account there is a falling off in premium of \$58,000 and in interest of \$15,000, while on the other side of the account losses and claims paid are smaller by \$4,000, while the balance carried forward is only \$8,000 less than the previous year. On the whole we consider the figures very satisfactory and we therefore recommend the payment of an interim dividend of \$3 per share on account of 1908 and a bonus to contributors of 20 per cent, carrying forward the balance.

Mr. Rouse seconded.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ede proposed the election of Messrs. C. R. Leemann and W. Helms as directors.

Mr. Carvalho seconded.

Agreed.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, this is all the business; dividend warrants will be sent out to-morrow.

## NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

An extraordinary general meeting was held after the annual meeting. Mr. E. Ormiston again presided, and the same shareholders were present.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The existing Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company have lately been the subject of your Directors' attention. The Company was founded as long ago as 1865, when, what is now deemed old-fashioned Memoranda of Association were in vogue. The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., have just passed a resolution with a view of bringing their Memorandum and Articles of Association up to date. It is very convenient that the constitution of this Company should be as all fours with that of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and it is proposed to give effect to this by the amended form of Memorandum and Articles now before you. I will now put the Resolution:—That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the printed form for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

Mr. Ede moved that Messrs. H. A. Siebs, A. Forbes, C. S. Gubbay, and G. Friesland as directors be confirmed.

Mr. Rouse seconded.

Agreed.

The Chairman:—That concludes the business, gentlemen, and I am obliged to you for your attendance. A confirmatory meeting will be held on the 7th of May, at 12.45 p.m.

## SIR ROBERT HART.

Sir Robert Hart is expected to arrive back in Peking in the course of July. It is not known how long he is likely to remain.—*N. C. D. News*.

## A PRICKED CONSCIENCE.

## COOLIE'S ACCIDENT LEADS TO HIS ARREST.

An arrest, under most peculiar circumstances, was effected by the Shan-ki-wan police the other day. Nearly a week ago a coolie, giving the name of Wong Yau, missed his footing while attempting to board a tramcar which was in motion, with the result that Wong dropped to the roadway with a dull thud and injured the back of his cranium. The injured man was picked up by the police in an unconscious condition and removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where, on being searched, a number of pawntickets relating to some stolen clothing were found in his possession. The clothing was stolen from a house at Shan-ki-wan. Friends of the coolie were very much surprised when they heard of his downfall. One stated that the reason why Wong Yau fell out of the car was because "his conscience pricked him."

Wong was discharged from hospital this morning, and appeared before Mr. F. A. Hazledorn, charged with the larceny of clothing. His Worship adjourned the case in order that the defendant be placed under medical observation, the belief being that the man's mind is unbalanced.

## DEATH OF MR. G. MURRAY BAIN.

## PROPRIETOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL" PASSES AWAY.

News was received at about noon to-day of the regrettable demise of Mr. Geo. Murray Bain, late proprietor of the "China Mail" Ltd. It was known that the late gentleman was in failing health for some time. With a view to recuperation, the deceased journalist proceeded home about two years ago and returned to Hongkong at the end of last year. The change, however, apparently did not return him to his former robust health, and this forenoon, Mr. Bain succumbed to his ill-health at his residence, "Briarham Drive," Conduit Road.

According to "Who's Who," the late Mr. George Murray Bain was born on the 24th August, 1842, and was a native of Montrose, Scotland. He received his education at the Montrose Borough School. He came to Hongkong on the 9th February, 1864, and joined the *China Mail* as sub-editor and reporter. He subsequently became editor and in 1872, took over the proprietorship. During 1887 and 1888, he took an active part in fighting the vicious policy of the then Governor, Sir John Pope Hennessy. He had consistently upheld British interests and maintained an impartial attitude towards other nationals. He was one of the oldest journalists in the Far East and took an interest in all public movements and was a keen supporter of all sports. He joined with the late Dr. N. B. Danneys in starting the *China Review* in 1872. He converted the *China Mail* into a private limited company in October, 1906. He was a member of the Hongkong, Jockey, and Cricket Clubs.

## COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER'S DILEMMA.

## ACCUSED OF LARCENY FROM WOMAN.

Morris Bon, a Russian Jew, who calls himself a commercial traveller, and who was convicted a week ago and sentenced to two months' hard labour for the larceny by bail of \$500 belonging to a woman named Dora Jackson, has been granted a re-hearing. At the time the Russian was convicted the story was told that he received \$500 from the Jackson woman to purchase a draft and it was alleged that he converted the money to his own use. The re-hearing took place before Mr. J. H. Kemp in the Police Court, this morning, when the convicted man was called to the stand to give evidence on his own behalf.

The defendant stated he was now doing a term of imprisonment. He knew Dora Jackson for a couple of months. He first met her in Hongkong.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner (for the defence)—Did you meet her in Shanghai?—No.

Did she give money to buy a draft?—Nothing of the kind.

So that what she stated last time is false?—False.

Have you had money transactions with her?—No.

Do you owe her money?—No. She owes me \$40 for shoes and kimonos I brought her. These can be found in her room.

Were you on friendly terms with her?—I left without seeing her.

And you were arrested before you left the Colony?—Yes.

Then what was the reason for this?—Jealousy.

Jealousy? In what way?—She was very fond of me and I did not care for her.

Mr. Gardiner gave the defendant a list of women's names and asked him if he was acquainted with them. Only one defendant knew.

Was \$500 paid by you or anyone else for her?—No.

You haven't \$500?—No. All I have is \$175; is it true that the prosecutrix, Dora Jackson, lent you \$500?—Nothing of the kind, sir.

She made no loan whatever?—No.

The Court—Did she send you any money on the 30th March?—No. She told me to get her a doctor and I did so. I also paid for the medicines before I left for Singapore.

When did you leave here?—On 15th March. On what steamer?—*Nera*.

And, of course, you returned on the *Toshiba*?—Yes.

When were you arrested?—On 2nd April.

What are you? What is your occupation?—Commercial traveller.

Are you often in the East?—Two years between this and Shanghai.

Why did you not, when you were asked at the last hearing what you had to say, deny the story of the prosecutrix?—I had no solicitor. All she said at the time was false.

The evidence of several other women of the underworld was taken and all denied that the prosecutrix gave defendant the money to buy a draft. One went so far as to remark that the \$500 was given defendant as a present. Another said it was a loan. This witness, during the adjournment, asked prosecutrix, "How was it you swore you gave Morris \$500 to make a draft?" She stated that the reply she received was that prosecutrix "was thinking of something else when she swore."

At this stage Mr. Gardiner intimated that he intended to subpoena more witnesses, and the case was continued to Friday. Bail was refused.

## THE CIGARETTE CASE.

## TO BE RETURNED TO OWNER.

This morning in the Police Court, before Mr. J. H. Kemp, the chair coolie who was found in possession of the silver cigarette case belonging to Mr. C. S. Wade, of Quarry Bay, was brought up on a charge of unlawful possession. The only witness called for the prosecution was Mrs. Watt. She recognized the case as that belonging to Mr. Wade, who left here on the 16th December last for Japan on the *China Mail*. Before Mr. Watt was called the Colony he reported that he had lost the case. His Worship did not find the charge proved and discharged the defendant. He afterwards ordered the cigarette case to be returned to Mr. Wade.



## Telegrams.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

## OPIUM PROHIBITION. SECRET INQUIRY AMONG OFFICIALS.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 20th April.

Prince Kung and other anti-opium Commissioners have appointed a number of detectives to go about and ascertain what officials are still addicted to the opium habit.

## CHINA'S CURRENCY.

## MINTING NEW COINS.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 20th April.

The Ministry of Finance has decided that the new coins shall be struck at the Tientsin Mint.

## THE PRESS.

## A USEFUL AGENT TO GOVERNMENT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 20th April.

The Prince Regent has given instructions to the Grand Council to modify the Press laws, as he considers that the Press is a useful agent to Government in the administration of State affairs.

## SHANGHAI TAOTAI.

## ALLEGATION AGAINST THE OFFICIAL.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 20th April.

With reference to the allegations preferred against the Shanghai Taotai by the Governor of Kansu, an Imperial edict has been issued directing Viceroy Tuan Fang to investigate the charges.

The Shanghai Taotai has wired to Viceroy Tuan Fang to the effect that he would rather submit to the ignominy of dismissal than a transfer elsewhere.

## CHINESE IN AUSTRALIA.

## IMPOSITION OF POLL-TAX.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 20th April.

Lord Li Ching-fong, Minister to the Court of St. James, in a telegraphic despatch to the Central Government, reports that, owing to the increasing number of the unemployed in Adelaide (?), it is proposed to levy a poll-tax of five pounds on every Chinaman.

## OPIUM IN SHANGHAI.

## DENS IN FRENCH CONCESSION.

The following is a translation of a passage in the minutes of a meeting of the French Council that was held on April 2.

By a letter dated March 29 the Consul General draws the attention of the Council to the necessity which is imposed upon it, now that the sincerity of the campaign undertaken against opium dens by the Chinese authorities can no longer be doubted, of taking measures destined to bring about progressively the suppression of those existing in the Concession, until their complete disappearance, within a period which ought not to exceed that fixed for the International Settlement.

The increase of taxes and the withholding of licences have in eighteen months brought a notable reduction in the number of opium dens, but these measures which had rather a transitory character, no longer suffice to-day.

In consequence, the Council, taking into consideration the proposals of the Consul General, passes the following resolutions:—

1. From July 1 next, after notification to the parties interested, lots will be drawn among the remainder of which fifty per cent. of the smoking places that do not contain ten couches, (which actually number 200), will be closed.

2. This measure having brought about the disappearance of 150 establishments, the tax will be spread over the remaining 150 shops in the same category, and twenty-five other large establishments continuing business after July 1, these establishments, in their turn, will have to give up business from December 31, 1909.

3. Special measures will be taken ultimately for the closing of shops where opium is sold for smoking at the same time that this matter is taken up by the International Settlement, and the Chinese City.—*W. C. D. News.*

## A RUNNER'S GRIEVANCE.

## ACTION AGAINST KING EDWARD HOTEL PROPRIETORS.

A very interesting action came on before Mr. Justice Gompertz in the Supreme Court, this afternoon, when William Henry Brown, formerly a runner for the King Edward Hotel, brought an action against Dorabjee and Company to recover the sum of \$54.75—being as to \$60 for salary for the month of March, \$10.75 commission and \$165 damages for alleged wrongful dismissal, which were accounted for as appended:—One month's salary in lieu of notice, \$50; for commission earned during the period of one month, \$10; one month's board and lodging, \$5.

Messrs. Dorabjee and Company, proprietors of the King Edward Hotel, entered a counter-claim for \$110, as follows:—Half the cost of a telegram to Swatow and reply in connection with a box lost on the liner *Asa*, \$1.50; to Shanghai and reply, \$5.75; to Manila and reply, \$3; lawyers' fees in connection with the lost box, \$45.50; chits for refreshments in the hotel, \$88; cash advanced, \$20; for the use and occupation of a room, by the plaintiff for seven days at \$5 per day, \$35—less \$59.15 paid on account.

Mr. Otto Kung Sing appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. W. G. Daniel, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, defended.

The main features of the case were that on the 30th March the defendants wrote to the plaintiff, through their solicitors, Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, giving him notice of instant dismissal, and in that letter they presented an account, which they alleged was the proper account between the plaintiff and the defendants. In that account the defendants admitted owing plaintiff his salary and commission for March, and as against that they alleged certain amounts which were entered in the counter-claim.

Mr. Otto Kung Sing then gave reasons for the counter-claim. He said that about three months ago a passenger arrived by the *Asa* and brought with him his luggage. On the way from the steamer to the King Edward Hotel the luggage was in the ordinary way in the custody of the plaintiff, who alleged that the passenger's luggage was deposited in the hall of the hotel. On the arrival of the passenger at the hotel it was discovered that one particular item of his luggage was missing. He reported the matter to the defendants, who made inquiries and went to a lot of expense, including lawyer's fees—this without the knowledge and consent of the plaintiff. After these expenses had been incurred the item of luggage was found at the Astor House Hotel. The trunk was taken there by mistake by a lady. In the meantime the owner of the trunk had claimed \$60 for his property, which was paid by the defendants; but on the recovery of the trunk this money was returned.

The Court:—That probably was why the lawyer was consulted.

Mr. Kung Sing did not think so. As regarded the \$18 for refreshments he stated that he had a special defence to raise as to that, while the item for hotel expenses for his friend was irregular. A room had been set apart for plaintiff and he had a perfect right to house a friend in his own room.

The plaintiff was called and stated that he did not think that there was anything in his conduct to warrant his discharge. Plaintiff then told his story, as already given above, and he was subjected to cross-examination.

Mr. Daniel:—Your main duty at the hotel was to go off in the launch to incoming ships and bring off passengers?—Yes.

When you were engaged you signed a copy of the hotel rules?—I did.

You are well aware of the rules?—Yes.

You know that Rule 1 does not allow any wine to be taken in the hotel during working hours?—Yes.

In February last, I think your chits came to \$33, mostly for drinks?—Not all for drinks.

Did you often have drinks in the hotel during work hours?—Yes.

So you broke Rule 1?—They accepted my chits.

Were't your drinks stopped?—Yes.

Do you know by Rule 9 if you break any of the rules you are liable to instant dismissal?—Yes.

The hotel launch is solely for the use of the hotel passengers?—Yes.

Didn't you use it for your own purpose?—I gave friends a lift now and again.

Round the harbour for a trip. And using your employer's coal?—Not their coal, but the coxswain's. He was paid \$20 a month to run the launch.

Did you ever have women on the launch?—Yes.

Women of loose character?—What "loose?"

Women from up the street?—Yes. They were in the hotel, or at least one of them.

Does that reflect any credit on the hotel to have such women in their launch?—I very often took them off ships.

You once took a friend to the bulk *Hygia*?—Yes.

And then took a trip to West Point?—Yes.

So it appears that you made use of the launch whenever you liked for your own purpose?—No, I did not.

Regarding the claim for \$65 made by the passenger for his lost trunk, witness was asked by Mr. Geo. the manager to sign a paper promising to pay the hotel \$15 a month. He did so to save his job. When the box was recovered and the \$65 returned, witness did not get back the paper he had signed. (Laughter.)

Mr. Daniel explained that his clients had made a search for the paper, but could not find it. They were not suing on that paper.

After it was discovered that witness had kept a man in his room for a week there was considerable trouble in the hotel. Mr. Dorabjee disapproved of the matter, but Mr. witness had asked permission first it would have been granted. He was willing to continue with the hotel.

Mr. Kung Sing:—You said when you were not on the launch you looked after the office?—Yes.

Didn't Mr. Dorabjee know you were drinking in the hotel?—Yes, I have been drinking in the hotel when he passed by.

Now, why were your chits stopped?—Because, I believe, I signed too many.

Mr. Kung Sing remarked that Mr. Dorabjee knew that the plaintiff was drinking during working hours. He made no objection. He preferred the man to spend his money in the hotel rather than go outside and spend it. But when it was discovered that plaintiff was signing for more than he earned, his chits were stopped.

It has been suggested that you used the launch for money-making?—No.

The Court:—That was not suggested.

A. D. Geo, manager of the hotel, said that during his time there was no complaint made against plaintiff's character. He never had cause for complaint. He did not know of any circumstance which led to his dismissal. Witness did not know why plaintiff was dismissed, but he presumed it was because he had a man in his room.

In cross-examination, witness said that if he had heard that plaintiff was using the hotel launch for his own pleasure and taking women of easy virtue round the harbour he thought these reasons for plaintiff's dismissal. This closed the case for the plaintiff.

Mr. Daniel said that the defendant's case had been proved from the cross-examination. The plaintiff had misconducted himself and defendant had sufficient grounds to dismiss him. A non-suit was asked for.

The Court:—I cannot do that.

Evidence was called to show that plaintiff had used the launch for his own purpose disregarding the fact that he was using the hotel property. The Intoxicating Liquor Ordinance provided that no hotel keeper could recover on a chit which was more than \$5, but plaintiff was a lodger and his chits were recoverable, just like any other lodger in a hotel.

The case was remanded.

## ALFALFA RAISING IN HONGKONG.

## DAIRY FARM CO.'S SUCCESS.

The Dairy Farm Company at Hongkong reports success after years of continued failure and disappointment in raising alfalfa. It seems that many have tried to produce this nutritious grass in and about Hongkong, but the tradition sprang up that owing to the nearness to the sea the grass grew feebly and spindling.

Consul-General Wilder got in touch with Ex-Governor W. D. Hoard, the American dairy expert, and secured seed from the John Salter Seed Company of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Mr. Wilder's own state. The Dairy Farm people are greatly delighted to report success, from this seed and are sending for more. The matter is of wide importance to all South China which developed dairy industry would greatly benefit. The Chinese have hitherto refrained from using milk, holding that it is excrement and not a secretion, but Chinese from abroad are teaching them by the use of milk what a valuable food product it is, and the tradition is breaking down.—*Manila Times.*

## AN IMPORTANT CHANGE.

## AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL TO BE RELIEVED OF ALL JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS.

News has just been received in Shanghai of an important change which is shortly to be made in the judicial authority and jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases which is at present vested in the American Consul General. From the 30th of June next the Consul at Shanghai will be relieved of all judicial duties and these will in future be performed by a Vice-Consul General of the United States to be appointed by the Secretary of State.

The matter came before Congress a short time ago and was included in the "Annual Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Bill" which was approved by the President of the United States on the 3rd of March. Referring to this particular question the Bill states:—

"The judicial authority and jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases now vested in and reserved to the Consul-General of the United States at Shanghai, China, by the Act of 30th June, 1906, entitled 'An Act creating the U.S. Court for China and prescribing the jurisdiction thereof,' shall, subsequent to 30th June, 1909, be vested in and exercised by a Vice-Consul-General of the United States to be designated from time to time by the Secretary of State, and the Consul-General at Shanghai shall thereafter be relieved of all his judicial functions."

It will be remembered that at a meeting of the American Association for China held in November of last year, the following resolution was adopted and ordered to form part of a memorial to the Secretary of the State Department at Washington:—

"Resolved: that it is the opinion of the American Association of China that the Consul-General of the United States at Shanghai should be relieved of all judicial duties, and that the Vice-Consul-General, or some other officer of this Consulate should perform the judicial duties now devolving upon the Consul-General under the Law."—*Shanghai Mercury.*

## ROWLOON SCHOOL.

## NELSON ESSAY COMPETITION.

The prizes in the Nelson Essay competition have been awarded as follows:—

1st. *E. Taylor.*  
2nd. *T. Bontinos.*  
3rd. *F. Schmitt.*  
The competition was held as a result of the lecture on Nelson given by Capt. Davis, R.N. (who presented the first prize) at the school's fortnightly. The second prize was presented by Lieut. Duke, R.N., and the third by Sir. Bain.

## Today's Advertisement.

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. HONGKONG TO SHANGHAI DIRECT CARGO &amp; PASSENGER SCHEDULE SERVICE.

THE Two Screw Steamers "ANHUI," "CHINHUA," "CHENAN" and "LINAN" leave Hongkong alternately every THURSDAY p.m. and SUNDAY at Daylight for SHANGHAI Direct.

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## A RIVAL TO MACAO.

## INTERESTING CEREMONY TO-MORROW. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 20th April. At 10 o'clock to-morrow morning H.E. Viceroy Chang Jen-chun, who will be accompanied by Admiral Li Chun and the Taotai for the development of Native Industries (Chau Mong Tang) will leave Canton on board the shallow draft cruiser *Kiangta* for Whampoa en route for Heung-chow city to take part in the ceremony in connection with the work of development of that city. A steam-launch has been engaged by the promoters of the scheme to convey guests to the scene of the ceremony from Canton. There will doubtless be a large gathering present on the auspicious occasion.

## A BOGUS EXCISEMAN.

## ACCUSED OF VICTIMIZING TWO COUNTRYMEN.

Whether the story which was told by a number of witnesses in the Police Court, this morning, during the hearing of a larceny charge against a man named Wong Shu Lin, is true or not remains to be seen.

Wong was formerly an exciseman of the Opium Farm. To-day he is out of employment. Yesterday afternoon, it was about five o'clock, he stopped two countrymen in Connaught Road. Representing himself to be an excise officer, Wong gave the two new arrivals to understand that he suspected them of being in possession of illicit opium and that he wanted to search them. The men submitted quietly. Wong, so it was stated, examined their pockets, their bundles, and their purses, and not finding anything sent the men away. Half an hour afterwards, the men had reached their lodgings, they examined their purses and to their astonishment discovered a shortage in their cash; one man was missing \$70 and the other forty cents. They reported the matter at the office of the Opium Farm, but without result. They could not recognize in any of the excise officers brought forward for identification the proper man. While this work was in progress another exciseman came in and, as a matter of news, said that he had seen Wong Shu Lin in a tea-house having refreshment and appeared to be rather cashy. Wong was located in a house at West Point, and identified by the farmers. Inspector Gourlay charged him with the larceny of \$110 this morning, and the case was adjourned in order to take further evidence.

## CANTON DAY BY DAY.

## TAOTAI IM KU.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 20th April. Taotai Im Ku, who proceeded to Hongkong four days ago with his family, returned to Canton yesterday. Taotai Im has handed over charge of the Imperial Telegraph Administration to the Expectant Prefect Fang Ying Kai. It is reported that Taotai Im will leave Canton in the course of about a fortnight and proceed to the province of Fukien to take up his duties as Inspector of Finance.

## OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE.

Several cases of bubonic plague are reported to have occurred in Canton, especially in the western suburb. The Fong Pin Hospital is now receiving a number of persons who have fallen victims to the dread disease.

## H.E. KO YU HIM.

The Viceroy has sent a deputy to Hongkong to meet the special Envoy, H.E. Ko Yu Him, who is expected here in a couple of days.

## HONGKONG UNIVERSITY SCHEME.

## FURTHER CHINESE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Chinese subscriptions towards the Hongkong University and Endowment Fund have been resumed. For about a month the energetic sub-committee has had to remain idle in consequence of the Chinese tomb-worshipping festival which was responsible for a large number of Chinese proceeding to the ancestral graves in the interior. Now that the local merchants and traders have returned to the Colony, the sub-committee have again approached them with gratifying results. The total amount collected up to yesterday inclusive now reaches over a hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Below are details of the donations:—

Already acknowledged, \$ 97,100  
Chan Wo-Sing of Saigon 5,000  
Cheong Yung Chau do 5,000  
Tao Ma Yin do 5,000  
Lu Po-wa do 5,000  
Ho Fung-wu 1,000  
Kwok Shu-lan 1,000  
Kwok Yik-ting 500  
Li Man-chi 500  
Yuen Hop 500  
Chan Tin-man 500  
Fook On Insurance Co 500  
Total 112,100

## Today's Advertisements.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 7th May, 1909, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of confirming the following Special Resolution, which was duly passed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held on the 21st April, 1909:—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

Prints of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Society's Office, or obtained on application there.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary, Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. 1362

## THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 7th May, 1909, at 12.45 P.M. for the purpose of confirming the following Special Resolution, which was duly passed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 21st April, 1909:—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary, Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. 1363

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## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 24th April, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st February, 1909, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th April, 1909, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 7th April, 1909. 1316

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## GODOWN No. 34, DUNDRELL STREET.

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<b>BANKS.</b>								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,500,000 \$14,500,000 \$16,000,000 }	\$2,000,000	Final of 12 and bonus of 5 for 1908 @ ex 1/8 = \$16.024	5 1/2 %	\$940 sales London 690
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	{ £4,000,000 £10,000,000 £14,000,000 }	\$10,223	\$2 (London 1/6) for 1908	...	\$51
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$450	\$50	{ \$1,500,000 \$233,757 \$411,000 £125,000 }	none	\$14 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$187 1/2 sales
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£15	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 393,747 Tls. 118,277 \$1,000,000 }	Tls. 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	5 1/2 %	Tls. 105 sales
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$503,478 \$499,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$2,506,022	Final of 1/5 making \$45 for 1906 and interim of 5/30 for 1907	5 1/2 %	\$340 sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$591,768	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1906	7 %	\$225 buyers
<b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	\$100	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$133,663 \$133,663 \$1,000,000 }	\$375,341	\$6 and bonus \$1 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$104 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$148,173 \$148,173 \$1,000,000 }	\$368,711	\$27 for 1907	8 1/2 %	\$335 sales
<b>SHIPPING.</b>								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$7,000,000 \$266,638 \$266,638 \$7,000,000 }	\$1,025	\$1 for 1906	...	\$13 buyers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$500,000 \$500,000 \$1,000,000 }	NIL	24 for year ending 30.6.1908	7 1/2 %	\$35 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$1,000,000 \$607,500 \$79,423 \$15,344 \$10,000 \$140,000 }	\$20,279	Final of 14 making \$24 for 1908	...	\$30 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	50,000	£5	£5	{ £1,000,000 £100,000 £100,000 £1,000,000 }	£13,755	{ 6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$5.154	4 1/2 %	{ \$46 buyers \$24 buyers
Do. do. (Deferred)	50,000	£5	£5	{ £1,000,000 £100,000 £100,000 £1,000,000 }	£13,755	Final of 14 making \$24 for 1908	...	Tls. 50 buyers
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 75,000 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 75,000 }	Tls. 14,510	Final of 14 making Tls. 34 for 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 50 buyers
Do. do. (Preference)	100,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £100,000 £100,000 £1,000,000 }	£61,817	Second interim of 1/- for a/c 1908	...	Tls. 50 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 £100,000 £100,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$98	{ \$1.00 for year ending 10.4.1908 \$2.50	4 1/2 %	\$131
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 }	\$47,000	Final of 14 making Tls. 24 for 1908	11 %	Tls. 45 sales
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 2,215	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	3 1/2 %	\$137 1/2
<b>REFINERIES.</b>								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$1,000,000 }	Dr. \$5,858	\$3 for 1907	...	\$15
Lyons Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$1,000,000 }	Dr. \$135,833	Tls. 34 for year ending 31.8.08	...	Tls. 132 1/2 sales
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 4,173	Final of 1/5 (coupon No. 11) for year end- ing 29.2.08	7 %	Tls. 18 sales
<b>MINING.</b>								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 }	£11,556	No. 12 of 1/- = 4 cents	...	\$8
Rio Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 }	£1,171	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.08	...	\$12
<b>DOCKS, WHARVES &amp; GODOWNS.</b>								
Fenwick (Gas) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	Dr. \$7,421	Final of 14 making \$14 for 1907	...	\$31 buyers
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$10,608	Final of 14 making \$14 for 1907	...	\$31 buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$5,870,978	Final of 14 making \$14 for 1907	10 %	\$80 sales
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 13,748	Interim of Tls. 24 for 6 months ending 31st October, 1908	5 1/2 %	Tls. 83 sales
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 697,457 Tls. 50,000 Tls. 135,000 }	Tls. 22,818	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908	6 %	Tls. 164 buyers
<b>LANDS, HOTELS &amp; BUILDINGS.</b>								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	Tls. 4,134	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.09	6 %	Tls. 100 buyers
Altor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	Dr. 4,230	\$14 for year ending 30.6.07	...	\$104 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,113	\$15	\$15	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$14,611	\$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	...	\$18 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$69,975	Final of 14 making \$14 for 1908	7 1/2 %	\$85 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$26,475	Final of 14 making \$14 for 1908	7 %	\$90 buyers
Hampshire Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$21,179	60 cents for 1908	7 %	\$81
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$278	\$14 for 1908	5 %	\$30
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,533,045 Tls. 1,533,045 Tls. 1,533,045 Tls. 1,533,045 }	Tls. 142,404	Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making Tls. 8 for 1908	7 %	Tls. 127 sales
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$1,968	Final of 14 making \$14 for 1908	9 %	\$44 sales
<b>COTTON MILLS.</b>								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 150,000 Tls. 150,000 Tls. 150,000 }	Tls. 8,890	Tls. 5 for year ending 31.10.1908	4 1/2 %	Tls. 116 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$9,553	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	5 1/2 %	\$9 sales
Internat'l Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 175,000 Tls. 175,000 Tls. 175,000 Tls. 175,000 }	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 6 for year ending 30.9.08 (8%)	...	Tls. 93
Loan-kuang-mew Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 4,820	Tls. 4 for 1908	...	Tls. 112 buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 15,912	Tls. 50 for 1908	...	Tls. 450 buyers
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	£648	1/10 per share for 1907 = 1.037	10 %	\$104 sales
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	NIL	\$1.00 or 1908	10 1/2 %	\$11.30 sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$11,138	50 cents for year ending 28.2.06	...	\$5
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$1,407	80 cents for 1908	8 1/2 %	\$94 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$48	\$1.50 for year ending 31.7.08	5 1/2 %	\$144 sales
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$3,755	Final of 50 cents making 90 cents for 1908	10 1/2 %	\$8.90 sales
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$3,000	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 %	\$12
Hall & Holt, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$8,057	\$2 for year ending 28.2.08	8 1/2 %	\$23 sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$9,321	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	6 1/2 %	\$193 sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$7,000	Final of 1/5 per share making \$1.9 for 1908	6 1/2 %	\$160 sales
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$6,790	Final of \$1 per share making \$2 for 1908	8 1/2 %	\$24
Manakappa (or) Mijia, Bosch-on Landbouw- plaat in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gd. 100	Gd. 100	{ Tls. 547,500 Tls. 547,500 Tls. 547,500 Tls. 547,500 }	Tls. 116,682	1st Quarterly div. of Tls. 124 for account	6 1/2 %	Tls. 900 buyers
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$7,471	1909	6 %	\$14
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$18,640	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	4 %	\$8
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	Pa. 18,640	None	...	\$10 buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 6,601	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7 1/2 for 1907	6 1/2 %	Tls. 112 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ Tls. 24,820 Tls. 24,820 Tls. 24,820 Tls. 24,820 }	Tls. 5,250	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	5 1/2 %	Tls. 135 sales
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,150	£20	£20	{ £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 }	Tls. 23,038	Final of 1/5 making 46/- for 1908	...	Tls. 422 ex div.
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	Dr. \$56,602	None	...	\$24
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$3,000	40 cents for year ending 31.5.08	7 1/2 %	\$54 sales
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 15,205 Tls. 15,205 Tls. 15,205 Tls. 15,205 }	Tls. 201	Tls. 6 for year ending 30.4.07	...	Tls. 94 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$172	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	5 %	\$104 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$20	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$1,360	80 cents on 9,900 ord shares and \$1.40 on 100 Founders shares for yr. end 31.5.07	6 1/2 %	\$104 buyers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$6,438	Interim of 50 cents a/c 1908	6 1/2 %	\$9 sales
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$3,95	Final of 50 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	...	\$24 buyers

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